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SUBJECT: ESTIMATED NEED FOR PIT EMPLOYEES IN THE CONSULAR SECTION

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1. POST IS PRESENTLY PLANNING TO REQUEST ONE AMERICAN PIT AND ONE LOCAL PIT FOR THE SUMMER PERIOD. SUMMER IS THE TIME WHEN OUR CONSULAR WORKLOAD INCREASES DRAMATICALLY BECAUSE OF LARGE NUMBERS OF KUWAITIS AND LOCAL RESIDENTS WHO TRAVEL TO THE UNITED STATES DURING THAT PERIOD. IT IS ALSO A PERIOD WHEN LARGE NUMBERS OF STUDENTS PREPARE TO LEAVE KUWAIT FOR SCHOOLING IN THE UNITED STATES. THUS, OUR VISA LOAD, WHICH MAKES UP THE LION'S SHARE OF OUR CONSULAR OPERATIONS, IS ESPECIALLY HEAVY DURING THE SUMMER PERIOD.

2. WE PLAN TO USE AMERICAN PIT EMPLOYEE IN THE CONSULAR SECTION TO ASSIST IN MANY OF THE ROUTINE TASKS ASSOCIATED WITH A LARGE VISA-ISSUING OPERATION. THESE WILL INCLUDE CHECKING VISA FORMS AND PASSPORTS, LOOKING UP APPLICANTS IN THE VLOB AND WRITING CASH RECEIPTS. WE PLAN TO USE THE LOCAL PIT TO RUN A "PICK-UP" WINDOW WHICH WE ARE GOING TO ESTABLISH AT OUR GATE HOUSE ON AN EXPERIMENTAL BASIS. APPLICANTS WHO HAVE BEEN  
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GRANTED A VISA OR FOR WHOM A NOTARIAL SERVICE HAS BEEN PERFORMED THE PREVIOUS DAY WOULD BE ABLE TO PICK UP THEIR PASSPORTS OR PAPERS AT THE GATE TO THE COMPOUND WITHOUT COMING INSIDE. THIS WOULD REDUCE THE CONGESTION AT OUR CONSULAR SECTION WINDOWS DURING PEAK PERIODS SUCH AS THE SUMMER TIME. THIS SPRING AND SUMMER WE PROPOSE TO EXPERIMENT WITH THIS SYSTEM AND WE WILL USE THE LOCAL PIT FOR THAT PURPOSE.

3. LATER IN THE SPRING, WE WILL MAKE SPECIFIC REQUESTS FOR  
THESE PIT'S TO NEA.  
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